

Senate Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Question: 10

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Media Monitoring

Proof Hansard Page: 14-15 (21/02/2011)

Senator Colbeck asked:

Senator COLBECK—That is the licensing arrangement the department has with the media monitoring company?

Ms Freeman—Yes, correct, but I can confirm that, if you would like.

Senator COLBECK—So what is the limit of availability? Could the shadow minister, for example, request access to those clips?

Ms Freeman—I would have to take that on notice. I genuinely don't know.

Senator COLBECK—When you are getting me that information, could you also find out if there is a scale of additional costs for broadening the availability of those clips? I am aware that in other portfolios they are provided outside the minister's office. You might find whether the contract you have is a standard government contract for a department.

Ms Mellor—Senator, we have not been asked before and, as Ms Freeman said, we will take it on notice.

Senator COLBECK—No aspersion; I am asking a simple question because it is something that I have seen through other portfolios and obviously it might be interesting. You have indicated that the RDCs have made requests to get access to them because they have an interest. I do not know whether the reduction in cost is commensurate with a reduction in access. If you could find that out for me, I would appreciate it.

Senator Ludwig—We will take it on notice.

Answer:

Press clippings and other media items are subject to intellectual property rights. It is important that the department recognises and protects those rights by only communicating copies of press clippings and other media in accordance with the terms of applicable licences (answer 2 CPD 08 refers). This way the owners of those intellectual property rights will be remunerated when the department makes copies of their work. The department's current licensing and remuneration arrangements do not extend to providing copies to members of the opposition.

Outside the department's licensing arrangements, additional licenses would need to be negotiated between interested parties and media monitoring suppliers at additional expense.

There is no standard government agreement for media monitoring. However, the department's contractual arrangements for media monitoring are consistent with those of other departments. They are also consistent with arrangements negotiated by the Attorney-General's Department in relation to the remuneration payable to authors where the Commonwealth copies or circulates press clippings and other media.

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Media monitoring costs will vary depending on the issues of interest to the media at any given time. The reduction in costs is the result of an active program by the department to target media searches to the most relevant issues.

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Question: 11

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Expenditure on Communication Devices

Proof Hansard Page: 16-17 (21/02/2011)

Senator Colbeck asked:

Senator COLBECK—Can you give me the expenditure on communications devices—you have said they are all BlackBerrys—since, say, the election?

Ms Freeman—I will take that on notice.

Senator COLBECK—There are 13 BlackBerrys and internet access for 13. Any iPads?

Ms Freeman—There are three iPads currently with Minister Ludwig's office.

Senator COLBECK—Three iPads.

Ms Mellor—Senator, in answer to a question you asked earlier about expense with tabled amounts in the House, between 3 December 2007 and 24 November 2010, the total communications device usage costs for the minister and ministerial staff was \$130,113.21. We do have some limitations in our corporate finance system, so we are not able to disaggregate beyond a monthly figure down to individual devices et cetera. There are fluctuations from month to month around purchase of handsets, for example. So some months go up just because we buy the hardware as well.

Senator COLBECK—I will leave it as a question on notice for you to give me the figure since the election, which will include a hardware cost and appointments.

Ms Mellor—It is all in those figures, yes.

Senator COLBECK—That answer will be disaggregated by month?

Ms Mellor—By month, yes, but not by handset versus other costs.

Senator COLBECK—It is up until when?

Ms Mellor—From 3 December 2007 to 24 November 2010.

Senator COLBECK—I am looking for the latest info, the starts, post election.

Ms Mellor—Post the last election?

Senator COLBECK—Post the 2010 election.

Ms Mellor—Yes, understood.

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Answer:

The estimated total expenditure on Blackberry communication for the period 14 September 2010 to 21 February 2011 is provided in the table below:

September 2010	\$10 358.48
October 2010	\$4 033.86
November 2010	\$599.18
December 2010	\$9.05
January 2011	\$1 455.88
February 2011	\$1 648.44
Total	\$18 104.89*

*Note: Expenditure on Blackberry communication includes handset purchase costs (8 Blackberry handsets), service charges and call costs. Owing to reporting limitations costs are not able to be further disaggregated and may also include data card hardware purchase and service costs. Fluctuations in the total expenditure on Blackberry communication from month to month is attributed to the purchase of handsets and hardware and billing cycles which impact upon the department's ability to accrue costs.

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Question: 12

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Appointment of the Chair, Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee

Proof Hansard Page: 100, 102, 103 (21/02/11)

Senators Milne and Nash asked:

Senator MILNE—How did the appointment of David Llewellyn occur? Was it an advertised process or a nominated process? How was he appointed?

Mr Neil—I apologise, I do not—

Senator COLBECK—That would predate Mr Neil, I would think.

Dr Dickson—I will see if we can get some advice on that this evening.

Senator NASH—Can I just add a couple of things? I understand Mr Llewellyn was registered as a lobbyist in August last year, so were you aware that he had registered as a lobbyist at that point? I understand that under the regulations he is allowed to take clients after March, so do you see any conflict of interest between his career as a lobbyist and the work he is doing? Perhaps you could consider those as well in the context of that.

Dr Dickson—We might have to take that on notice. We do not have the information at the moment on both of your questions.

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Senator HEFFERNAN—Will you sack him if he had a conflict of interest?

Senator MILNE—I did ask what the process was for his appointment. Were there nominations called for? Was it advertised or was it an in-house ex-Labor minister mate's club?

Mr Thompson—I believe it was a ministerial appointment by Minister Burke following the resignation of the previous chair of the recreational fishing advisory council.

Senator COLBECK—Hang on. The initial announcement was as chair of the roundtable, which is different to the recreational fishing advisory council. Is that not correct?

Mr Thompson—His initial appointment was as chair of the recreational fishing advisory council. Then, when Minister Burke was unable to attend the recreational fishing roundtable, Mr Llewellyn chaired that on Minister Burke's behalf.

Senator HEFFERNAN—Did he declare an interest?

Dr Dickson—This is what we need to follow up.

Senator HEFFERNAN—If he did not, will he be sacked?

Senator NASH—I think you just indicated, Dr Dickson, that you did not know when he registered as a lobbyist. This is obviously reporting, but according to the tasmaniantimes.com on 30 August Mr Llewellyn registered with the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet as a lobbyist. If that is the case, shouldn't you have known that? If you are telling us that you did not know, shouldn't you have known that?

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Senator Ludwig—Anyway, the easiest way to do it is to check the records, see what we have and get back to you.

Senator NASH—Would you have an issue with conflict of interest?

Senator Ludwig—I think we will check the records first.

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Senator NASH—Sorry, Chair. Can I clarify that the officials have undertaken to take all those questions on notice

Answer:

1. Mr Llewellyn was appointed as the Chair of the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee by the then Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon. Tony Burke MP. The department provided a list of potential candidates including Mr Llewellyn to the then minister.
2. Mr Llewellyn was appointed on 13 July 2010 by the then Minister. At that time Mr Llewellyn signed a private interests declaration form stating that he was not aware of any conflicts of interest and that he was not registered as a lobbyist with the Commonwealth or state/territory governments.
3. The department understands that Mr Llewellyn subsequently registered with the Tasmanian Department of Premier and Cabinet as a lobbyist on 30 August 2010. Mr Llewellyn has no clients recorded on his registration.
4. Members of government advisory bodies are required to declare real or potential conflicts of interest. The department is not aware of any real or perceived conflict of interest in relation to Mr Llewellyn's role with the Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee.

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Question: 13

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Minister's Travel

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. What was the total cost of travel by the Minister since October 2010?
2. What is the total cost of travel by the Minister since December 2007?
3. What was the total cost of travel by his staff since October 2010?
4. Which places has the Minister visited since October 2010?
5. What was the cost of travel for each of these visits?
6. Who accompanied him on these visits?
7. What was the cost of travel for these staff?
8. What overseas Ministerial visits are being planned and can you provide some details?

Answer:

1. Costs of domestic travel by the minister are largely met by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD), with the exception of car costs, which are met by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

The costs met by DoFD are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation*. DoFD advises that the reports and supporting information are also published on DoFD's web site and are available at <http://www.finance.gov.au/publications/parliamentarians-reporting/index.html>.

The cost of travel met by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for Minister Ludwig from 1 October 2010 to 21 February 2011 was \$7302.39.

2. For the costs met by DoFD, please refer to the response to Question 1.

The cost of travel met by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry from 1 December 2007 to 21 February 2011 for Minister Ludwig was \$7 302.39 and Minister Burke was \$125 261.24.

3. Travel costs for ministerial staff are met by DoFD. For the period 1 October 2010 to 8 March 2011, DoFD advises the cost of travel by Minister Ludwig's staff was \$125 379.42.

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4. From 1 October 2010 to 21 February 2011, Minister Ludwig has visited Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia as follows:

Date	Places visited
4–7 October 2010	Perth, Baldivis and drought pilot region— Western Australia
29 October 2010	Kempsey—New South Wales
30 October 2010	Townsville and Mt Isa—Queensland
9–12 November 2010	Albury-Wodonga—Victoria Adelaide—South Australia Camden—New South Wales
30 November–2 December 2010	Sydney—New South Wales
2 December 2010	Clontarf—Queensland
7–9 December 2010	Perth—Western Australia
13 December 2010	Mackay—Queensland
14–15 December 2010	Emerald—Queensland
17 December 2010	Harwood—New South Wales
4 January 2011	Oakey and Emerald—Queensland
1 February 2011	Tenterfield—New South Wales

On 5 January 2011 Minister Ludwig was appointed as Minister Assisting the Attorney-General on Queensland Floods Recovery. In this role Minister Ludwig has travelled to several flood-affected areas in Queensland. Minister Ludwig has also travelled to cyclone-affected towns in Far North Queensland in this capacity.

5. DoFD advises that travel costs for the minister met by DoFD for each of the visits in the table above are not able to be disaggregated.

Please refer to the table at [Attachment 1](#) for travel costs for each of these visits for the minister which are met by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

6. Please refer to the table at [Attachment 1](#) for details on who accompanied the minister on each of these visits.
7. Travel costs for ministerial staff are met by DoFD. DoFD advises that travel costs for the minister's staff met by DoFD for each of these visits are not able to be disaggregated.

Please also refer to response to Question 5.

8. On 8–13 March 2011, Minister Ludwig travelled to Indonesia and participated in the Ministerial Conference of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture. He also attended bilateral meetings with Indonesian counterpart ministers for agriculture, fisheries and forestry on market access issues of interest to Australia.

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The minister is considering attending the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Conference in mid 2011 in Rome. Attendance will be subject to the Prime Minister's approval. Overseas trips for the second half of 2011 are under consideration.

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Question: 14

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Ministerial Staff

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

Can you provide a comparison of the number of Ministerial staff for February 2011 with the previous five years?

Answer:

Please see response in the table below:

	Previous 5 years					Current
	As at 1 February 2006	As at 1 January 2007	As at 1 February 2008	As at 1 February 2009	As at 1 February 2010	As at 1 February 2011
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	11	11	09	10	11	13*
Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation	10.6	10.6				

* Includes one ministerial staff member appointed to support the Minister as Manager of Government Business in the Senate, and one ministerial staff member appointed to support the Minister as the Minister assisting the Attorney-General on Queensland Floods Recovery.

Note: The statistics provided in the table are derived from information tabled by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

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Question: 15

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Release of Additional Estimates Briefing

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. In light of a redacted version of the Incoming Government Brief being made available can you provide a redacted version of the briefing material for the minister for Additional Estimates 2011?
2. If not, can you explain why a redacted version of these briefs should not be made available when the Incoming Government Brief was made available?

Answer:

1. No.
2. To prepare a redacted version of the minister's briefing for the Additional Estimates hearing 2011 would take in excess of 200 hours and therefore would be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the department.

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Question: 16

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Advertising and Communication Activities

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

Have there been any changes to the advertising or communication activities scheduled for 2010-11 as set out during Supplementary Budget Estimates – if so could you provide some details?

How much has been spent on advertising and communication activities since December 2007?

Answer:

No changes have been made to the department's advertising or communication activities scheduled for 2010-11 since the 2010 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

Since December 2007, the department as of 8 March 2011 has spent \$603 977.93 on advertising (including recruitment advertising) and communication activities.

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Question: 17

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Media Monitoring

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. How much has been spent on the Department's media monitoring services since December 2007?
2. Can you provide the number of people who have access to the Department's media monitoring?
3. Can you detail the names and positions of the people who have access to the Department's media monitoring?
4. Can you explain why the Department's media monitoring could not also be supplied to the Shadow Minister and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary in the interests of saving taxpayers money?

Answer:

1. The department has spent \$876 351.06 including GST between December 2007 and 31 January 2011.
2. In accordance with the terms of applicable licences, the Department's media monitoring is down streamed to up to 350 users and between 101-600 users can access it through generic login on a media portal on the department's intranet.
3. No. The names of the individuals are personal information so to disclose them would be inconsistent with the department's obligations under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).
4. Provision of press clips to opposition members is outside the current licensing arrangements. To provide access would result in higher costs to the Commonwealth.

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Question: 18

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Staff Access to Online Social Media

Proof Hansard Page: 15 (21/02/2011)

Senator Colbeck asked:

Have there been any changes to access of staff to online social media since the Supplementary Budget Estimates? If yes, can you provide details?

Answer:

There have been no changes.

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Question: 19

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio since the Supplementary Budget Estimates and can you provide all relevant details?
2. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the portfolio since December 2007?

Answer:

1. One report has been commissioned by the government in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio since the Supplementary Budget Estimates. The report “Stocktake of current investment and capability in soils research, development and extension nationally” was commissioned in December 2010 and is expected to be publicly released in late 2011.
2. The government has commissioned eight other reports in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio since December 2007. These were:
 - One Biosecurity – a working partnership: The independent review of Australia’s quarantine and biosecurity arrangements, report to the Australian Government (final report available at <http://www.quarantinebiosecurityreview.gov.au/>)
 - Report of the 2008 Dairy Quota Review Panel on Administrative Arrangements for EU and USA Dairy Quotas managed by Australia (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/meat-wool-dairy/dairy-quota-review/report_of_the_2008_dairy_quota_review_panel_on_administrative_arrangements_for_eu_and_usa_dairy_quota_managed_by_australia)
 - Drought exceptional circumstances: an assessment of the impact of climate change on the nature and frequency of exceptional climate change (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/721285/csiro-bom-report-future-droughts.pdf)
 - It’s about people: changing perspectives on dryness, a report to government by an expert social panel (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/889946/dryness_report.pdf)
 - Government drought support, Productivity Commission inquiry report no. 46 (final report available at www.pc.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/86275/drought-support.pdf)
 - Report to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the Hon. Tony Burke MP, on the Implementation of the Callinan Inquiry (final report available at daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/931609/report-single.pdf)

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Question: 19 (continued)

- Implications of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) recommendations to amend the Horticulture Code of Conduct (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1341491/hort-code-committee.pdf)
- Equine Influenza Expert Review Panel: Report to the Primary Industries Ministerial Council (PIMC), September 2009 (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/aqis/import/live-animals/eiimplementation).

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Question: 20

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Reviews

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. How many Reviews have been commissioned in the portfolio since the Supplementary Budget Estimates and can you provide all relevant details?
2. How many Reviews have been commissioned in the portfolio since December 2007?

Answer:

1. Two reviews have been commissioned in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio since the Supplementary Budget Estimates. The relevant details are as follows:

Review Title	Date commenced	Anticipated End Date	Budgeted Costs
Stocktake of current investment and capability in soils research, development and extension nationally (review underway, no documents online)	December 2010	Late 2011	\$80 000
Review of Drought Pilot in Western Australia (terms of reference and other information can be found at http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought-pilot)	1 February 2011	30 November 2011	\$450,000

2. Nineteen reviews have been commissioned in the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio since December 2007. They are:
 - Internal government review of Biofuels Policy (internal review, not publicly available)
 - Primary Industries Ministerial Council Equine Influenza Expert Review Panel (PIMC EI) (review under PIMC consideration, not publicly available)
 - Review of industry training associated with AQIS co-regulatory arrangements (review underway, no documents online)
 - An independent evaluation and audit of the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement Industry Development Program (review underway, no documents online)

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- Feasibility of alternatives to the cancellation provisions under the *Fisheries Management Act 1991* (review underway, no documents online)
- Review and revision of the 2004 National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks (review underway, no documents online)
- Review of AQUAPLAN 2005-2010, Australia's National Strategic Plan for Aquatic Animal Health (review underway, no documents online)
- 1994 National Recreational Fishing Policy Review
- Caring for our Country Review (discussion paper and other information available at <http://caringforourcountryreview.com.au/>)
- Review of codes of practice for assessment against "Forest practices related to wood production in plantations: National Principles" (review underway, no documents online)
- Efficiency and Effectiveness Review of the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (discussion paper and other information available at <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/food/regulation-safety/ag-vet-chemicals/better-regulation-of-ag-vet-chemicals>)
- Review of the Australian and New Zealand Conservation Council Code of Practice for Antifouling and In-water Hull Cleaning and Maintenance* (review underway, no documents online)
- Stocktake of current investment and capability in soils research, development and extension nationally* (review underway, no documents online)
- Review of the Sugar Industry Reform Program (SIRP) 2004 to 2008 (not yet publicly available)
- Wheat Export Marketing Arrangements - Public Enquiry (final report available at <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/wheatexport>)
- Review of testing protocols of imported seafood (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1647734/food-csiro-report.pdf)
- 2008 Dairy Quota Review (final report available at www.daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/984031/2008-dairy-quota-review-report.pdf)
- Drought Policy Review (final report available at www.pc.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/86275/drought-support.pdf)
- Review of Quarantine and Biosecurity Arrangements (Beale Review) (final report available at daff.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/931609/report-single.pdf).

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Question: 21

Division/Agency: CPD – Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Mobile Phones – Minister and Department

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. What is the total amount spent on mobile phones in the Minister's office since December 2007?
2. What is the total amount spent on mobile phones in the Department since December 2007?
3. How many mobile phones does the Minister office presently have?
4. How many mobile phones does the Department presently have?

Answer:

1. Please refer to the attached response to House of Representatives Question on Notice 146 (Attachment A) for the period December 2007 to 24 November 2010. For the period 25 November 2010 to 21 February 2011 please refer to Corporate Policy Division No 02.
2. For the period December 2007 to June 2010 the total cost of mobile phones in the department was \$2 252 455.00.
3. No mobile phones have been provided to the minister's office, however as at 21 February 2011 13 Blackberry devices have been issued and are being used as mobile phones.
4. As at 7 March 2011 the department had 1875 mobile phones.

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ATTACHMENT A

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES QUESTION

Question No 146

Mr Briggs asked the Minister representing the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in writing, on 25 November 2010:

(1) How many (a) mobile phones, (b) blackberries and (c) I-Pads are currently allocated to the (i) Minister, and (ii) the Minister's ministerial staff.

(2) In respect of mobile phone usage between (a) 3 December 2007 and 24 November 2010, and (b) 24 June 2010 and 24 November 2010, what was the total cost for (a) the Minister, and (b) the Minister's ministerial staff.

(3) For each month since December 2007, what was the cost of mobile phone usage for each mobile phone account allocated to the (a) Minister, and (b) Minister's ministerial staff.

Minister Burke – The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has provided the following answers to the member's question:

(1) As at 25 November 2010, a total of 0 mobile phones, 11 blackberries and 2 iPads were allocated to the minister and ministerial staff.

(2) Between 3 December 2007 and 24 November 2010, the total mobile phone usage cost for the minister and ministerial staff was \$130 113.21*.

(3) For each month since December 2007, the total cost of mobile phone usage for the minister and ministerial staff was as follows*:

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December 2007	Nil	December 2008	\$2 159.48	December 2009	\$4 258.24
January 2008	Nil	January 2009	\$6 395.14	January 2010	\$87.60
February 2008	\$616.22	February 2009	\$2 043.73	February 2010	\$12 324.35
March 2008	\$547.41	March 2009	\$3 459.16	March 2010	\$633.23
April 2008	\$196.36	April 2009	\$4 492.67	April 2010	\$5 964.17
May 2008	\$2 527.05	May 2009	\$4 093.63	May 2010	\$7 865.78
June 2008	\$4 953.14	June 2009	\$3 616.60	June 2010	\$5 713.34
July 2008	\$2 151.66	July 2009	\$4 841.32	July 2010	\$2 562.65
August 2008	\$402.78	August 2009	\$4 575.65	August 2010	\$1 474.69
September 2008	\$2 054.43	September 2009	\$5 642.90	September 2010	\$12 565.72
October 2008	\$3 316.05	October 2009	\$4 749.79	October 2010	\$1 121.18
November 2008	\$3 368.09	November 2009	\$3 836.30	November 2010	\$5 502.70

*Note: Owing to the reporting limitations of the department's Corporate Finance system, the information in this response is unable to be further disaggregated and may contain costs attributed to: the previous government; all Blackberry, mobile and satellite phones call costs; and the purchase of some Blackberry, mobile and satellite phone handsets. The fluctuations in the total cost of mobile phone use from month to month is attributed to the purchase of handsets and billing cycles which impact upon the department's ability to accrue costs.

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Question: 22

Division/Agency: CPD - Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Hawker Britton

Proof Hansard Page: Written

Senator Colbeck asked:

1. How many meetings has the Minister had with Hawker Britton since December 2007?
Can you provide details for each meeting including date, subject matter and people present?
2. How many meetings has the Minister's office had with Hawker Britton since December 2007? Can you provide details for each meeting including date, subject matter and people present?
3. How many meetings has the Department had with Hawker Britton since December 2007?
Can you provide details for each meeting including date, subject matter and people present?

Answer:

1. The Minister has met with Hawker Britton once since he was sworn in as the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on 14 September 2010. The meeting was held on 4 November 2010. Attendees included the Minister, an adviser and Simon Banks of Hawker Britton. The meeting was to discuss Free-To-Air Television.

Responding to the question of what meetings the Minister had with Hawker Britton prior to his appointment as the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

2. Since 14 September 2010, the current staff of the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, have only attended one meeting with Hawker Britton, as referred to in question 1.

Responding to the question of what meetings staff who are no longer in the Minister's office, or what meetings the Minister's staff had prior to the Minister's appointment as the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

3. To the best of our knowledge, the department has not had any meetings with Hawker Britton since December 2007.